

Community Assessment Program Area 24 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on December 17, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is bounded on the north and west by O'Mara Street, on the south by McDonald Street and on the east by Hall Boulevard.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

Street maintenance –

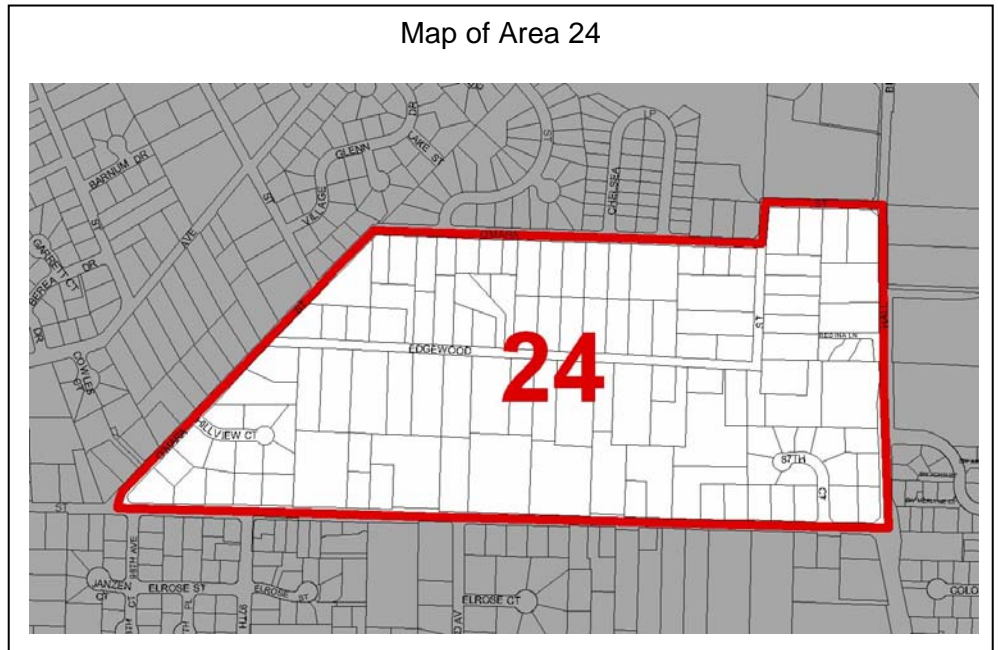
Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or howard@ci.tigard.or.us.

Addresses not visible – There are many homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or 27047@ci.tigard.or.us

Vegetation creating vision clearance issues – There was at least one example where vegetation had been allowed to grow tall enough to create a vision clearance problem. This can create a potential safety hazard. You can help in the future by keeping vegetation trimmed outside the vision clearance areas. To learn more, review the City's web site (www.ci.tigard.or.us) or contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at kristie@ci.tigard.or.us or cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us

Abandoned Vehicles – The walkers noted a few potentially abandoned vehicles in the right of way. The Police Department has been asked to investigate. After investigation and determination that a vehicle is abandoned, the vehicle is posted and removed 7 days later. To report an abandoned

Map of Area 24



vehicle or find out more information on how it is determined that a vehicle has been abandoned, please contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or 27047@ci.tigard.or.us

More ways you can help make our community better –

If you spot graffiti contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.

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